The South 40

Excess water may have leaked soil's nitrogen

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

There is concern that we could see nitrogen deficiency appearing in small grain this year. The excess water has likely leached a significant amount of the nitrogen out of the root zone.

Barley has headed out and is probably too far gone to make any adjustments. It takes too long to get a tissue analysis back, so if wheat has a good dark green color it probably has more than 4.0 percent N in the uppermost fully developed leaf. If plants have a good color, don't do anything, but if the leaves are pale green to yellow, better get some nitrogen flown on at 30 pounds of N per acre. The best time to apply is while the crop is in the boot stage.

It will likely cost about the value of 4 bushels of wheat to cover cost of nitrogen and aerial application. The response would probably be an increase of 8 to 15 bushels.

Ammonium nitrate would probably be my choice of the form of nitrogen to fly on.

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Here are some statistics that will be of interest:

Nationally, grain stocks are down this April 1 compared with a year ago. Corn is down 48 percent, oats down 19 percent, barley down 8 percent, wheat down 7 percent and soybeans down 36 percent.

Cattle and calves on feed April 1 are up 2% and up 6% over 1982. Placement of cattle and calves into feedlots in the first quarter are up 10 percent.

Appomattox average corn yield in 1982 was 86.5 bushels per acre, in 1983 it was 30 bushels per acre, tieing Mecklenburg County for the lowest yield in the state.

Appomattox County harvested 1550 acres of silage in 1982 with an average yield of 15 tons. In 1982 we harvested 2300 acres for an average yield of 9.0 tons.

Fire Cured tobacco yield for the state in 1982-83 was 5.4 mil pounds, averaging $117.61 per CWT. In 1983-84 the yield was 4.6 mil pounds selling for average of $126.82 - up about $9 over the previous year.

We have only a small acreage of sun cured tobacco, but it averaged $132.49 this year compared with $106.42 a year ago. Production was off about 300,000 pounds statewide.

Appomattox County harvested 650 acres of soybeans in 1982 averaging 27.0 bushels per acre compared with 550 acres in 1983 for a yield of 17.5 bushels.

Hopefully all grain producers are aware that on February 3 EPA suspended all uses of EDB for fumigation of stored grain. The tolerances of EDB adopted by Virginia are:

raw grain 900 ppb
milled grain products 150 ppb
on-shelf products 30 ppb

Millers have been advised to begin coding products put into inventory. The code enables inspectors to identify the date of production and the lot of raw grain from which it was produced.

To avoid future problems, millers have been advised that before purchasing raw grain to determine:

1. If the grain has been fumigated, what active ingredients did the fumigant contain?
2. If the fumigant contained EDB, was it applied in accordance with the manufacturers labeled directions? Was the resulting residue, if any, below 900 ppb?

We have a listing of products used for grain fumigation. If you plan to use a fumigant, it may be worthwhile contacting us to determine if EDB is in the product.

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A conference on Land-use and the Chesapeake Bay is scheduled for May 15-16-17 at the Chamberlin Hotel, Fort Monroe, Virginia. If there are those interested in attending, we have programs and registration forms.

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There are sources of Tifton 44 Bermuda sprigs available. Let us know if you are interested.

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We've had calls about ants in lawns. There are three materials recommended for control–Sevin, Diazinon and Dursban.

There are two major insects that frequently take their toll of turfgrass in Appomattox County. They are sod webworms and white grubs. Be alert for these. Sod webworm control needs to be done in late May–early June. White grubs are easier to control when they are small, usually late July–early August.

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A number of dairymen will be harvesting small grain silage. A forage test is a must to properly balance a ration. Pull a sample as it goes into storage. Rye needs to be harvested in the boot state (just before the head emerges). Rye harvested at this state can be as high in protein as alfalfa. Barley and wheat should be harvested in the soft dough stage. Wheat usually provided a higher yield per acre, but barley comes off earlier allowing better timing for double cropping corn or soybeans. Harvesting wheat or barley in the milk stage rather than soft dough can reduce TDN production by 18 to 22 percent.

Turkeys

NOT ONE BUT TWO! Douglas Maxwell, left, and Billy Baldwin, right, both of Pamplin went turkey hunting on May 1 in Prince Edward and both went home with a turkey. Maxwell got his shortly after dawn and it weighed 18 and one-quarter pounds; Baldwin got his turkey at 7:15 and it weighed 18 pounds. Both had beards in excess of 10 inches. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

ASCS advises farmers to protect bases

By TOM CONRAD

ACSC advises farmers to protect crop acreage bases - All farmers in the county are urged to file an acreage report, whether they participate in farm programs or not.

Farmers who did not sign up for the programs could benefit by certifying their planted acres because the reported 1984 acreage will be used in establishing the 1985 base areas.

The acreage reports are used to determine compliance with farm programs and to document the crop acreage for establishing future crop acreage bases.

To be eligible for price support loans, target prices and other program benefits farm program participants are required to report the actual planted acreage on a field-by-field basis. As of today, 83 farms in the county have reported their fall-seeded crops and 15 have reported spring-seeded crops.

ASCS verifies that acreage reports are accurate by randomly checking farms and also by providing aerial photographs for farmers to identify their fields. Farmers may request pre-measurement and other producer services to be sure reports are accurate and avoid unnecessary worry over the loss of program benefits. The service is provided for a nominal fee and the measurements are guaranteed for the crop year.

Appomattox County farmers have from now through June 1 to report wheat, barley, oats and rye and now through July 1 to report corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and tobaccos. Acreage reports may be filed weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the county ASCS office.

Local farm honored

Riverdale Farms, Charlottesville, Va., and Knoll Crest Farms, Red House, Va., won the top Polled Hereford awards at the recently completed Virginia BCIA Bull Test in Red House.

Of the 21 Polled Herefords in the 140-day feed test, Riverdale's RF Vc K186 8R had the highest index. This son of HHF Victor D103 K186 had a 4.14 lb. average daily gain (ADG), a 1,150 lb. yearling weight and a 2,97 lb. weight per day of age (WDA).

Knoll Crest and Sentry Oaks Farm, Lynchburg, Va., consigned the second-high indexing Polled Hereford, KCF Victor 598 R3. He is a son of MSU Prospector 508 and had a 3.21 lb. ADG, a 1,130 lb. yearling weight and a 3.08 lb. WDA.

Knoll Crest also won the top sire group award on seven sons of KCF Victor K74 M77. They posted an average ADG of 2.99 lb., an average yearling weight of 998 lb. and an average WDA of 2.72 lb.

These bulls' performance on feed test is an indication of their ability to sire growthy, efficient calves for the feedlot. In recognition of their superior performances, the winners have been awarded plaques by the American Polled Hereford Association, Kansas City, Mo.

Ag teachers to meet

About 70 agricultural education teachers in Southside Virginia are expected to attend a conference at Randolph-Henry High School, Thursday, May 17.

B.F. Sauls, instructor of agricultural education at Appomattox Middle School, and president of the 17-county group, will preside over the sessions which will begin at 4:15 p.m.

Deborah Barker, Laurel Park High School; Steve Jones, Jefferson Forest High School; and Ron Price, Bluestone Senior High School, are among those scheduled for presentations.

Others appearing on the program will be Loretta Washington-Allen, Prince Edward County High School; Lillian Martin, Pittsyvania Vo Tech; J.D. Puckett, William Campbell High School; H.A. Morris, Buckingham Senior High School; and P.F. Senger, Buckingham Junior High School.

The group will be welcomed by R. Larry Dunn, principal of the host school. M.L. Bailey, instructor of agricultural education at Randolph-Henry High School, is in charge of local arrangements for the conference.

Parris honored

DONALD N. PARRIS, far right, of Appomattox, was one of six Virginia Tech Forestry Students to earn club awards. The awards, presented at the school's annual honors banquet on April 18 are given each year to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their organizations. A forestry and wildlife major, Parris was given the award by the Tech chapter of the Society of American Foresters. Other students honored were, left to right, John Copeland, Catherine Helgeth, David Jones, Steve Smith, Scott Murray and Parris.

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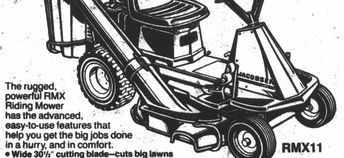

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Rocks community notes

Rocks April 30: Next holiday coming up is Mother's Day. Remember mother's celebrate and have a wonderful day on the second Sunday.

It was a good day at Rocks last Sunday. It was good to have the Burrell family to lead us in a service of special music. A reception was held afterward to honor our guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Spain returned from Florida Monday after a nice vacation. Glad they had a safe trip.

Mrs. Ed Mason was sick on Monday. Glad she is much better and able to go to work on Tuesday.

The Rev. W.E. Elder had charge of the prayer meeting at the mid-week service on Wednesday night.

Get-well wishes go out to Amy Morris, who continues under the doctor's care.

Sorry to hear Mr. Clayton Beale had a fall last Saturday. May he have a quick recovery.

Mrs. Mattie Harvey of Darlington Heights was rushed to the hospital in Lynchburg on Tuesday, May 1st, where she was admitted.

Mr. Larry Williams and Steve of Waynesboro called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Roach and his mother, Mrs. Williams of Pamplin on Wednesday.

Congratulations to Charles Richardson, who received the birthday cake May 3 from WYYX.

Willie Smith continues sick. May he have a speedy recovery.

World Day of Prayer was May 3rd. Did you think to pray for your country?

It was good to have Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Harris, newlyweds, at Rocks Church on April 29.

A shower was given Rita Isgo, bride to be, at Rocks Church Fellowship hall from 2 to 4 p.m. April 28.

Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Carter, Jr. of near Prospect called to see Cassie Baldwin on their way to Lychburg on Tuesday morning, May 1.

The Young Hearts Club will meet at Memorial Methodist Church in Appomattox May 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Congratulations to the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Kerr, who have another girl, Jessica Lee, born April 27.

Danny Owens from Elon Church will hold a revival at New Chapel Church May 6-9.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Richardson have returned from a Southern wedding trip to their home in Farmville. Ronnie will be missed in this area.

Dalton Elder, who has been quite sick, is out again.

A number went shopping in Lynchburg last Tuesday.

Rocks W.M.S. members were represented at the annual meeting at Liberty Baptist Church on Thursday night, May 3.

Many churches did not have anyone to come out for the 95th annual meeting. Mrs. Hilda Smith, director presided. The theme was "I'll be a Partner." Mrs. Mary Saunders of Richmond was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Clara Garrett of Evergreen is spending the month of May with Mr. and Mrs. Toby Isgo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Carmon have returned to Richmond after being at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Spain while they were on vacation in Florida.

Schools in Appomattox will be closing the first week in June.

Seniors will soon be going on their senior trip.

Mike Richardson will be home from college on Tuesday. This will be the end of his second year at Lynchburg

Chestnut Grove news notes

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper M. Beasley, Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris of Appomattox; Leslie Phaup, Alfred Woodie, Mrs. Earl Morris, the Rev. Glynn Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Townsend, and Mrs. Odell Kirby, all of Farmville; Kelly Branch of Buckingham; Susan Morris of Radford College; Mrs. Vernard Proffitt, Mrs. W.T. Cook, Mrs. Ronald Senger, and Mrs. Bennie Williams, all of Dillwyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass and Mrs. T.N. Seal were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Janie Repass at Heritage Hall Nursing Home at Blackstone.

Mrs. W.T. Cook attended the annual Woman's Missionary Union meeting of the James River Baptist Association at Mulberry Grove Baptist Church Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan and Ronda of Appomattox were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan, honoring their 51th wedding anniversary, and Mrs. Don Morris' birthday.

Mrs. Ruby Morris received word last week that her son in law, Paul Bowen of DeMossville, Kentucky had a heart attack and is in Booth Memorial Hospital in Florence Kentucky. The latest report is that he is improving.

Mrs. Billy Morris and Rodney of Richmond spent the weekend, with Mrs. Ruby Morris and Billy.

T.C. Beasley and Kelly of Troutville spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Kemper M. Beasley, Sr. They came for Cal who had spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Branch of Buckingham.

Kemper M. Beasley, III spent Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernard C. Proffitt.

Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Morris were Mrs. George Shumaker of Brookneal and Mrs. Curtis Nesler of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Cook of Chesterfield are spending this week at the former John Glover place near Andersonville.

Larry Ritenour promoted

Marine Lance Cpl. Larry R. Ritenour, son of Billy R. and Hazel H. Ritenour of Appomattox, Va., has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED RATE INCREASE BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

Case No. PUE840021

On March 30, 1984, Virginia Electric and Power Company (hereinafter "Vepco") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission for an increase in rates. On April 6, 1984, Vepco filed an amendment to its initial application which made several changes necessitated by Commission orders of March 27, 1984, in Case Nos. PUE830041 and PUE840006, which were related to the cancellation of North Anna Unit 3 and Vepco's annual fuel factor respectively. The application, as amended, seeks an increase in annual revenues of $25,296,000, to be allocated equally among the various customer classes based upon present non-fuel revenues. This allocation results in a 2 percent increase in base rates. The proposed increase was filed in conjunction with the annual Financial Operating Review (hereinafter "FOR") data upon a test period ending December 31, 1983. Pursuant to the Commission's revised FOR procedure, Vepco requested that the increase be allowed to go into effect on an interim basis and subject to refund, 30 days after the application was filed. The proposed increase is based upon test period adjustments and ratemaking allowances as prescribed in the Commission's FOR guidelines for electric utilities. Vepco also filed with its Application proposed changes to its rates, terms and conditions applicable to Parallel, Relay and Breakdown customers with a requested effective date as determined in the final order in this proceeding.

On April 25, 1984, the Commission staff filed a preliminary evaluation of Vepco's application. The Staff advised the Commission that the accounting adjustments in Vepco's application appeared to be in compliance with the Commission's FOR guidelines but that the requested increase in annual revenues should be reduced by $740,000 to $24,556,000 to account for the reduction in the Special Revenue Tax rate for the tax year 1984. The Staff noted that information on the tax rate reduction was unavailable in time to be included in Vepco's application. The Staff also noted that the amount of the proposed increase will be reduced further by an Internal Revenue Service (hereinafter "IRS") ruling which Vepco received on April 11, 1984, concerning the amortization of Investment Tax Credits.

By order entered April 27, 1984, the Commission determined, pursuant to §56-240 of the Virginia Code, that there was a reasonable probability that the requested increase in annual revenues of $24,556,000 will be justified after a full investigation and hearing. As provided by the FOR procedure guidelines, the Commission therefore authorized Vepco to place that increase into effect for service rendered on and after April 30, 1984. The increased revenues received by Vepco will be collected on an interim basis and subject to refund pending the Commission's final order in this proceeding.

A public hearing on Vepco's application is scheduled for July 26, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's Courtroom, Jefferson Building, Bank and Governor Streets, Richmond, Virginia to receive evidence relevant to Vepco's application.

A copy of Vepco's application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at any Vepco office where customer bills may be paid and at the SCC Document Control Center, Floor B1, Jefferson Building, Richmond, Virginia.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on the application may do so by directing such comments to the Clerk of the Commission as provided below. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing, either for or against the application, need only appear in the Commission's Courtroom at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself as a public witness.

On or before June 27, 1984, persons desiring to participate as protestants, as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (hereinafter "SCC Rules"), to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses, shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Notice of Protest, as described in SCC Rule 5:16(a) with the Clerk of the Commission and serve a copy upon Vepco. Service upon Vepco shall be directed to Evans B. Brasfield, Esquire, Hunton and Williams, P. O. Box 1535, Richmond, Virginia 23212. A copy of the Notice of Protest should also be served upon the Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of Attorney General, 101 North 8th Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

On or before July 12, 1984, each protestant shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies each of a protest (SCC Rule 5:16(b) and of the prepared testimony and exhibits protestant intends to present at the public hearing, and serve a copy upon Vepco and each protestant.

Any party participating as a protestant should review the instructions regarding discovery set forth in the Commission's order in this proceeding dated April 27, 1984.

All written communications to the Commission regarding this case should be directed to William C. Young, Clerk, SCC Document Control Center, P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23216.

By order of:

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

The Virginia State Corporation Commission 80-10/5-04/7-4cm

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CORPORATE REORGANIZATION OF VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

Case No. PUE 830060

On May 19, 1983, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Vepco") consummated a corporate reorganization whereby a new holding company, Dominion Resources, Inc. ("Dominion") was created, which now holds all outstanding Vepco stock. By order entered September 6, 1983, in Case No. PUE 830060, the Commission found that Dominion's plans for the reorganized corporate structure of Vepco and its impact upon future operations of Vepco should be thoroughly investigated to determine possible and probable effects upon ratepayers. As the initial step in this investigation, the Commission directed Dominion, Vepco and the Staff to file preliminary information and the present and proposed operations of the various subsidiaries of Dominion, existing and projected.

Vepco and Dominion filed their response to the Commission's order on September 20, 1983. The filing indicates that current organizational plans of Dominion include the possible establishment of the following subsidiaries: a natural resource exploration company, a company to pursue development of a coal slurry pipeline, a company or companies to own Dominion's share of jointly owned electric generating companies to provide energy to Vepco under contract, and a company to administer the charitable programs of, and make grants for, Dominion, Vepco, and the other subsidiaries as they are created. Dominion Resources Services, Inc. ("Services"), an existing subsidiary of Dominion, is intended to provide staff and support services to Vepco and other Dominion subsidiaries.

On September 28, 1983, Vepco, Services and Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. ("VNG") filed an application (assigned Case No. PUE 830062) with the Commission requesting authorization under Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 10.1 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia to implement the transactions and arrangements detailed in the application. These transactions and arrangements include: (1) the transfer of Vepco's gas division into VNG, which initially will be established as a Vepco subsidiary, (2) the transfer of the shares of VNG common stock from Vepco to Dominion by means of a dividend, thereby making VNG a subsidiary of Dominion, (3) the transfer to Dominion of the common stock of Virginia Nuclear, Inc. ("VNI") held by Vepco by means of a dividend, thereby making VNI a subsidiary of Dominion, (4) establishment of the capital structure of VNG to reflect the same percentage of common stock, preferred stock, and debt as the capital structure of Vepco at the date of reorganization, (5) the approval of service agreements between Vepco and Services, VNG and Services, and Vepco and VNG, (6) the transfer of Vepco employees to Services to perform the staff functions being transferred to Services, (7) the granting of certificates of public convenience and necessity to VNG to serve the territory presently served by the gas division of Vepco. The companies filed a supplement to their application on September 30, 1983, and filed testimony in support of their application on October 4 and December 16, 1983.

To enable Dominion Resources, Inc. to function on the day of its inception, the Commission, by Interim Order filed on May 18, 1983, in Case No. PUA830021, authorized Vepco to furnish necessary services to Services and thus to Dominion, in the manner set forth in the Amended Application and service agreement filed by Vepco and Dominion in that proceeding on April 22, 1983. The Commission also provided that the Interim Order would be superseded by a final order after the issues had been fully considered.

By order filed April 27, 1984, the Commission consolidated the three proceedings in Case No. PUE830060 and scheduled a public hearing before a Hearing Examiner to begin at 10:00 a.m. on October 23, 1984, in the Commission's Courtroom, 13th Floor, Jefferson Building, Bank and Governor Streets, Richmond, Virginia to receive evidence relevant to all matters related to the corporate reorganization of Vepco. The order stated that the following areas of inquiry are of particular interest to the Commission:

(a) Is it in the public interest for Vepco to vertically disintegrate (partially or completely) so that all, or any portion thereof, of the generating capacity required to serve its service territory is provided through contracts with entities which are affiliated with Vepco in any manner described in Virginia Code §56-76?

(b) Is it in the public interest for the Commission to allow actions to be taken by Vepco, Dominion, VNG, and Services (hereinafter "Companies") which would result in the loss of jurisdiction for setting rates for Virginia ratepayers, in whole or in part, by the State Corporation Commission of Virginia?

(c) What are Vepco's projected generation capacity requirements for the next 30 years, and what are the relative costs to satisfy its service requirements with regard to the various sources of energy (including cogenerators and small power producers), entities involved, and the mechanism or agency by whom each will be set?

(d) Is it in the public interest for Vepco employees to be transferred to a service company for the purpose of providing services to Dominion, Vepco, other subsidiaries of Dominion not yet in being, or unaffiliated interests?

(e) Is it in the public interest for Vepco to spin-off its gas division as a subsidiary of Dominion?

Companies were ordered to file additional testimony on the delineated issues on or before June 25, 1984.

Parties who wish to speak at the public hearing and not participate as a Protestant, may be scheduled by writing the address listed in the last paragraph of this notice. Any person who wishes to comment in writing should send such comment to the same address.

Copies of the applications of Companies, the material filed in compliance with Commission order in this proceeding, and the testimony of Vepco's witnesses may be reviewed in the Document Control Center of the Commission or at any office of Vepco where bills may be paid. The additional testimony and evidence to be filed by Companies on or before June 25, 1984, will also be made available for review.

On or before July 2, 1984, all persons who expect to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and otherwise participate as Protestants, as provided by Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of a Notice of Protest as required by Rule 5:16(b). A copy of the Notice of Protest shall be served on Companies' counsel, Evans B. Brasfield, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, P. O. Box 1535, Richmond, Virginia 23212.

On or before September 28, 1984, all persons who have filed a Notice of Protest and who still expect to participate at the hearing as a party Protestant must file an original and twenty (20) copies of a written Protest as required by Commission Rule 5:16(b) and of all prepared testimony and exhibits of the witnesses to be offered at the hearing and shall serve five (5) copies thereof upon counsel for Companies and three (3) copies upon all other Protestants.

On or before September 28, 1984, the Commission's Staff shall file with the Clerk the prepared testimony and exhibits of each witness expected to present direct testimony and shall serve a copy upon Companies' counsel and each Protestant.

On or before October 12, 1984, Companies shall file with the Clerk and each Protestant the testimony and exhibits it expects to introduce in rebuttal to the direct pre-filed testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and the Protestants.

Any party participating as a Protestant should review the instructions regarding discovery set forth in the Commission's order in this proceeding dated April 27, 1984.

All written communications to the Commission regarding this case should be directed to William C. Young, Clerk, SCC Document Control Center, P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23216.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

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